

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are currently pending in the application; with claims 1 and 10 being independent. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to better define the present invention. The amendment to claim 1 does not alter the originally intended scope of the claim, but rather more clearly presents the claimed invention.

Examiner-Initiated Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for initiating the interview conducted on January 10, 2006, wherein amendments proposed by the Examiner were discussed. The Examiner indicated that by entering these amendments, all of the pending claims would be allowed and the application would pass to issue.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael K. Mutter (Reg. No. 29,680) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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